that charge as the officer had acted in good faith under instructions from Government. He was sorry that one section of the House was not inclined to see the view point of Government, in spite of the explanation furnished.

Thereupon the motion was put to vote. As 116 members voted in favour of it, the sense of the Assembly was taken to be in favour of the adjournment motion.

THE DEWAN said that, as already announced by him, this vote would not influence the Government so far as the class already opened was concerned.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

MR. SIDDE GOWDA *alias* APPAJI GOWDA, Chennapatna (Rural).—

Q.—1. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) the number of motor accidents that occurred in the State during the current year ;

(2) the number of persons that died and the number injured ;

(3) whether the Government are satisfied that only licensed persons drive motors ;

(4) whether only trained drivers are driving the motors ;

(5) whether any action is being taken to minimise such accidents.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT.—

A.— 1. (1) 96.

(2) 26 died, 119 injured.

(3) No instance of any motor vehicle being driven by an unlicensed driver has come to the notice of Government.

(4) Yes.

(5) Buses are periodically subjected to inspection. Excess speed and over-loading are checked at all roadside stations and by surprise visits. Timings have been fixed for arrival at important places to prevent competition and reckless driving. Where the accident is found to be due to the rash or negligent act of the driver, action has been taken to cancel his license and to prosecute him. In some cases the permits of the proprietors have also been suspended with a view to induce the owners of buses to employ better class of drivers and enforce better discipline in the service of the buses.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Sidde Gowda.—

With reference to answer to Question 1 (2) may I know the reason why such a large number of motor accidents occurred in the State within one year?

Secretary to Government, Law Department.—

The matter is under investigation by Government.

Mr. Sidde Gowda.—

Is it not possible to locate the responsibility?

Secretary to Government, Law Department.—

It is being investigated.

Mr. Sidde Gowda.—

Are there any unlicensed drivers in the State?

Third Member of Council.—

None, so far as Government are aware.

Mr. Sidde Gowda.—

Supposing any case of unlicensed drivers is brought to notice, are Government prepared to take action?

Third Member of Council.—

Certainly. But Government do not believe that the motor accidents referred to have been due to the driving of motor vehicles by unlicensed men.

Mr. Sidde Gowda.—

Are Government aware that Police Officers have been found to travel in motor buses already overloaded with passengers?

Dewan.—

The question is being investigated by the Inspector-General of Police.

Mr. Bagamane Dyave Gowda.—

Is there anything to show that all the motor license-

holders are properly trained people? Do they know the mechanism of their cars?

Third Member of Council.—

The licensing officer will examine the applicants only in the mode of driving. It is impossible for any one to know the mechanism of all the cars.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

Who is the authority for issuing licenses?

Third Member of Council.—

The District Magistrate, the Police Superintendent and any other authority noted in the rules.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

Is the licensing officer an expert?

Third Member of Council.—

We cannot get all experts. Motor mechanism is very specialised. It is not easy to get people who know everything about the mechanism.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

Is not a Mechanical Engineer better fitted to test a driver's knowledge?

Third Member of Council—

He may be better.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

Why not employ Mechanical Engineers for this work?

Third Member of Council.—

It is not possible to employ such highly paid men for this sort of work at every place.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Is not a knowledge of mechanism essential for driving motor cars?

Third Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Is every District Magistrate versed in the art of driving motor cars?

Third Member of Council.—

Not necessarily. But he will be in a position to find out whether a man knows driving or not.

Mr. Razvi.—

Are owners of cars allowed to drive?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes, provided they are licensed.

Mr. Razvi.—

If any driver is found guilty of causing accidents, do you cancel his license?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. Razvi.—

Does not the Magistrate scrutinise every application for motor driving license and test the applicant's knowledge before granting the license?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. Razvi.—

Is it not a fact that the Motor Regulation in Mysore is a copy of that in vogue in Madras?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar.—

Are the Government aware that the Travancore Durbar have appointed Police Inspectors in each Division specially trained in motor traffic on Rs. 150—250 to control motor service in the State, that their diaries are regularly scruti-

nised by Government and that a reference was made to the good work turned out by them in the Dewan's Address to the Sri Mulam Assembly recently?

Third Member of Council.—

We are not aware of what is done in Travancore.

Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar.—

Now that the matter is brought to the notice of Government, will they accept the suggestion?

Third Member of Council.—

The suggestion will be considered.

Mr. Ramachandra Rao Sindhia.—

Is the driver's license transferable?

Secretary to Government, Law Department.—

No. Since there will be the driver's photograph in the license, others cannot use it.

Mr. Ramachandra Rao Sindhia.—

Why not the same system of taking the photo of the licensee be made applicable to the owners who apply for licenses?

Third Member of Council.—

Will be considered.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa.—

What are the steps taken by Government to prevent the issue of licenses to either inexperienced or rash drivers?

Third Member of Council.—

Their previous history and experience will be enquired into before granting licenses.

Mr. Ramaswamy.—

Are the Government aware that more people than are allowed under the rules are travelling in the buses ?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes. Sometimes it happens.

Mr. Ramaswamy.—

Do not Government consider that such over-crowding should be prevented ?

Third Member of Council.—

It is difficult. There are out-posts here and there, where the buses are examined and over-crowding prevented. But when the drivers take more people between two out-posts and set them down before they reach the next out-post, it is very difficult to detect it.

Mr. Ramaswamy.—

Are Government aware that the drivers sometimes drive very recklessly at a very fast speed, as soon as they pass the Police out-posts in the rural parts ? Is it not necessary to see that such fast driving is put a stop to ?

Third Member of Council.—

It is very difficult to find this out. But whatever is possible is being done.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao.—

Before a license is given to the bus proprietor, is it not possible to take a deposit from him, which may be forfeited if he transgresses the terms of license?

Third Member of Council.—

It is not necessary to do so. If the license is taken away from him on conviction or for other sufficient reason, the owner loses the profit that he could make and that is as good as forfeiting the deposit.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Do the Police people pay their fare when travelling in the buses ?

Third Member of Council.—

No information.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Will the Government be pleased to enquire ?

Third Member of Council.—

Not necessary.

Mr. K. T. Seshaiya.—

To prevent over-crowding and fast driving, is it not possible to make the Police always travel in the buses ?

The Dewan.—

The matter is being looked into.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

II. Statement of the General Principles of the proposed amendment of the Mysore Securities Regulation.

In the present Mysore Securities Regulation VIII of 1925, there is no provision:—

(i) for the issue of duplicates in cases where securities have been stolen.

(ii) for cancellation of an order for the issue of a duplicate security when the original security alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed is subsequently found at any time before the obligation is discharged.

Further, there is necessity for a clear provision being made to the effect that interest is not payable after the earliest date on which the payment of the amount due on any security could have been demanded.

The proposed legislation aims at remedying these defects and omissions.

THE LEGAL REMEMBRANCER TO GOVERNMENT explained the general principles of the proposed measure as above.

MR. SUBBARAMA SETTY enquired why interest should not be levied after the security became due. He thought that interest should not be stopped.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that if the holder of a bond did not take payment after it was notified for discharge according to the conditions of its issue, there was no justification to continue to pay interest on the bond.

The principles were thereupon accepted by the House.